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Quorum Calls: One quorum call was taken today.
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Record Votes: One record vote was taken today.
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Adjournment: Senate convened at 2:15 p.m., and adjourned at 7:49 p.m., until 2:15 p.m., on Wednesday, November 15, 2006. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Majority Leader in today's Record on page S10935.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Finance: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of Michele A. Davis, of Virginia, to be Assistant Secretary for Public Affairs, Robert F. Hoyt, of Maryland, to be General Counsel, and Paul Cherecwich, Jr., of Utah, and Deborah L. Wince-Smith, of Virginia, each to be a Member of the Internal Revenue Service Oversight Board, all of the Department of the Treasury, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nominations of James H. Bilbray, of Nevada, who was introduced by Representative Bilbray, and Thurgood Marshall, Jr., of Virginia, who was introduced by Representative Jim Moran of Virginia, each to be a Governor of the United States Postal Service, and Dan G. Blair, to be Chairman, Postal Rate Commission, who was introduced by Senator Bond, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

TAX LAWS

Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs: Permanent Subcommittee on Investigations

held a hearing to examine the issue of states incorporating new, non-publicly traded companies in the United States each year without obtaining the identity of corporate owners, and its impact on law enforcement investigations into persons misusing U.S. shell corporations for money laundering, tax evasion, terrorist financing, or other crimes, and a GAO report entitled "Company Formations: Minimal Ownership Information Is Collected and Available", receiving testimony from Stuart G. Nash, Associate Deputy Attorney General, Department of Justice; K. Steven Burgess, Director, Examination, and Robert Northcutt, Acting Director of the Abusive Transactions Office, both of the Small Business/Self-Employed Division, Internal Revenue Service, and Jamal El-Hindi, Financial Crimes Enforcement Network, all of the Department of the Treasury; Yvonne Jones, Director, Financial Markets and Community Investment Team, Government Accountability Office; Richard J. Geisenberger, Delaware Assistant Secretary of State, Dover; Scott W. Anderson, Nevada Deputy Secretary of State for Commercial Recordings, Carson City; and Laurie Flynn, Office of the Secretary of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Boston.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

SPORTS PROGRAMMING

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee held a hearing to examine competition in sports programming and broadcasting, focusing on the goals of the program access statute and fostering competition to the incumbent cable operators, receiving testimony from Roger Noll, Stanford University Department of Economics, Stanford, California; Jeffrey Pash, National Football League, and Landel C. Hobbs, Time Warner Cable, both of New York, New York; and Daniel M. Fawcett, DIRECTV, Inc., Washington, D.C.

Hearing recessed subject to the call.

NOMINATION

Committee on the Judiciary: Committee concluded a hearing to examine the nomination of Thomas M. Hardiman, of Pennsylvania, to be United States Circuit Judge for the Third Circuit, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Specter and Santorum, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.